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By Representatives Ogden and Carlson; by request of Department of
Community, Trade, and Economic Development

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to changing references to the Washington
2 archaeological research center to the office of archaeology and
3 historic preservation; and amending RCW 27.53.020, 27.53.070, and
4 27.53.080.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.53.020 and 1986 c 266 s 16 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The discovery, identification, excavation, and study of the state's
9 archaeological resources, the providing of information on
10 archaeological sites for their nomination to the state and national
11 registers of historic places, the maintaining of a complete inventory
12 of archaeological sites and collections, and the providing of
13 information to state, federal, and private construction agencies
14 regarding the possible impact of construction activities on the state's
15 archaeological resources, are proper public functions; and the
16 (~~Washington archaeological research center~~) office of archaeology and
17 historic preservation, created (~~under the authority of~~) in chapter
18 (~~39.34~~) 27.34 RCW (~~as now existing or hereafter amended~~), is hereby
19 designated as an appropriate agency to carry out these functions. The

1 director, in consultation with the (~~Washington archaeological research~~
2 ~~center~~) office of archaeology and historic preservation, shall provide
3 guidelines for the selection of depositories designated by the state
4 for archaeological resources. The legislature directs that there shall
5 be full cooperation amongst the department, the (~~Washington~~
6 ~~archaeological research center~~) office of archaeology and historic
7 preservation, and other agencies of the state.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.53.070 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 82 s 3 are each
9 amended to read as follows:

10 It is the declared intention of the legislature that field
11 investigations on privately owned lands should be discouraged except in
12 accordance with both the provisions and spirit of this chapter and
13 persons having knowledge of the location of archaeological sites or
14 resources are encouraged to communicate such information to the
15 (~~Washington archaeological research center~~) office of archaeology and
16 historic preservation. Such information shall not constitute a public
17 record which requires disclosure pursuant to the exception authorized
18 in RCW 42.17.310, as now or hereafter amended, to avoid site
19 depredation.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 27.53.080 and 1986 c 266 s 19 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 Qualified or professional archaeologists, in performance of their
23 duties, are hereby authorized to enter upon public lands of the state
24 of Washington and its political subdivisions, at such times and in such
25 manner as not to interfere with the normal management thereof, for the
26 purposes of doing archaeological resource location and evaluation
27 studies, including site sampling activities. Scientific excavations
28 are to be carried out only after appropriate agreement has been made
29 between a professional archaeologist or an institution of higher
30 education and the agency or political subdivision responsible for such
31 lands. Notice of such agreement shall be filed with the (~~Washington~~
32 ~~archaeological research center~~) office of archaeology and historic
33 preservation and by them to the department. Amateur societies may
34 engage in such activities by submitting and having approved by the
35 responsible agency or political subdivision a written proposal
36 detailing the scope and duration of the activity. Before approval, a
37 proposal from an amateur society shall be submitted to the (~~Washington~~

1 ~~archaeological research center))~~ office of archaeology and historic
2 preservation for review and recommendation.

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